

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 110), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

Senator Reid entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Genetic Information Nondiscrimination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that following disposition of S. 1315, Veterans Benefits Enhancement Act, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 493, the Genetic Nondiscrimination Act; that the only amendment in order be an amendment in the nature of a substitute to be offered by Senators Snowe, Kennedy, and Enzi; provided further, that there be a total of 2 hours for debate on the bill and the amendment, with time equally divided and controlled between the Majority Leader and the Republican Leader or their designees; and that upon the use or yielding back of all time, the amendment be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time, and Senate vote on passage of the bill.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

C. Steven McGann, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and the Republic of Kiribati.

T. Vance McMahan, of Texas, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Jeffrey Leigh Sedgwick, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

Christine O. Hill, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Congressional Affairs).

4 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Foreign Service.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—110) **Page S3288**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 5:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:32 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3332.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Missile Defense Agency, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General Henry A. Obering, III, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency, and Lieutenant General Kevin T. Campbell, USA, Commanding General, United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command, United States Army Strategic Forces Command, and Joint Functional Component Command, Integrated Missile Defense, both of the Department of Defense.

PHANTOM TRAFFIC

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine "phantom traffic"—telephone calls that do not have sufficient information or records for the local phone company to bill for access charges, after receiving testimony from Charles W. McKee, Sprint Nextel Corporation, Reston, Virginia; Lawrence E. Sarjeant, Qwest, and Angela Simpson, VON Coalition, both of Washington, D.C.; and Raymond Henagan, Rock Port Telephone Company, Rock Port, Missouri, on behalf of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association.

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine S. 662, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources at the Harriet Beecher Stowe House in Brunswick, Maine, to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the

National Park System, S. 827, to establish the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, S. 923 and H.R. 1528, bills to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the New England National Scenic Trail, S. 956, to establish the Land Between the Rivers National Heritage Area in the State of Illinois, S. 2073, to amend the National Trails System Act relating to the statute of limitations that applies to certain claims, S. 2513, to modify the boundary of the Minute Man National Historical Park, S. 2604, to establish the Baltimore National Heritage Area in the State of Maryland, S. 2804, to adjust the boundary of the Everglades National Park, H.R. 53, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a long-term lease with the Government of the United States Virgin Islands to provide land on the island of Saint John, Virgin Islands, for the establishment of a school, and H.R. 1483, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for certain national heritage areas, after receiving testimony from Representative Christensen; Daniel N. Wenk, Deputy Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; William J. Pencek, Jr., Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, Baltimore; Lorelei Monsanto, One Campus, Saint John, Virgin Islands; and Gale Illig, Grantwood Village, Missouri.

DARFUR

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the crisis in Darfur, after receiving testimony from Richard Williamson, President's Special Envoy to Sudan, Department of State; Katherine Almquist, Assistant Administrator for Africa, United States Agency for International Development (USAID); and Jane Holl Lute, United Nations, New York, New York.

CRISIS IN TIBET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the crisis in Tibet, focusing on peaceful action that would be in accordance with international standards of religious freedom and human rights, after receiving testimony from John D. Negroponte, Deputy Secretary of State; Steve Marshall, Senior Advisor, Congressional-Executive Commission on China; Richard Gere, International Campaign for

Tibet, New York, New York; Lodi Gyari, Special Envoy of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Washington, D.C.; and Lobsang Sangay, Harvard University Law School East Asian Legal Studies Program, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Nanci E. Langley, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Akaka, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

NATIONAL SECURITY LETTERS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine National Security Letters, focusing on the need for greater accountability and oversight, including S. 2088, to place reasonable limitations on the use of National Security Letters, after receiving testimony from James A. Baker, former Counsel for Intelligence Policy, and Michael J. Woods, former Chief, National Security Law Unit, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; and Gregory T. Nojeim, Center for Democracy and Technology, all of Washington, D.C.

VA/DOD COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense cooperation and collaboration as they meet the needs of returning servicemembers, after receiving testimony from Gordon England, Deputy Secretary, and David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, both of the Department of Defense; Gordon Mansfield, Deputy Secretary, and Patrick W. Dunne, Acting Under Secretary for Benefits and Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Adrian M. Atizdao, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C., on behalf of sundry organizations; Todd Bowers, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, New York, New York; and Commander Rene A. Campos, USN (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia.